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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Bladensburg Metals, Inc.
Kenilworth Avenue and Lawrence Street
Bladensburg, Maryland

- 1. On 30 August 1961, the writer accompanied , PSD/OL on a visit to the above firm to check on their capabilities and facilities for melting down aluminum plates containing classified and unclassified information. The General Services Administration, Region 3, Surplus Sales Center, executed Contract No. GS-03-U-(P)-5300 on 24 August 1961 with this company to perform this type of service for all parts of the U.S. Government starting 1 September 1961. (A copyright of this contract is on file in SS/OL.)
- 2. This contract was signed by Mr. Irving Apatoff, Vice President, on behalf of the company and calls for the smelting of approximately 15,000 pounds of aluminum plates a month at a price of \$.1481 per pound. A special condition is that all plates must be smelted on the day of delivery and each accumulation will be under the direct supervision of a security official of the disposing activity. Each disposing activity will have the responsibility for determining the weight of the load being handled and inserting the figures on GSA Form R3-105. All three copies of scrap delivery order GSA Form R3-105 will be taken to the company along with the aluminum and signed by a company representative. The original will be forwarded to GSA Surplus Sales Center within forty-eight hours of delivery for billing purposes; the duplicate will be left with the company for information; and the triplicate will be retained by the disposing activity as a receipt. At the end of each month GSA will make one billing to the company and after payment will allocate and distribute the share belonging to each government office for the aluminum smelted. PSD/OL estimates that CIA will average about 1,000 pounds a month.
- 3. Bladensburg Metals operates as a subsidiary of the River Road Iron and Metal Company and was incorporated in 1956 to inaugurate a large scale smelting and refining operation. This plant provides high quality lead, type metals and solder and has three kettles of 4,000, 6,000, and 12,000 pounds capacity with all smelting equipment provided with automatic controls fired by natural gas. Additional items of new equipment installed include a 5,000 pound highlift, and inside loading dock, an electric weigh-o-graph, an economy Upstroke baler, electric overhead doors, an additional tow-motor, and a new shear. The firm has a fenced in yard covering 20,000 sq. feet and warehouse and office space covering approximately 25,000 sq. feet. The following are the officers of the company:

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Officers of the Company:

Mr. Max Teitle - President & owner

Mr. Irving Apatoff - Vive President

Mr. Aaron Teitle - Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Devid Blakeman - Sales Manager

4. The company has been granted a Secret facility clearance by INM, Baltimore, Maryland, and all 30 of the employees have been granted Secret clearances by the same office. It will be unnecessary for any of the employees to be cleared by CIA as none will have access to classified information due to the manner in which smelting operations are to be performed.

STAT and the writer went 5. After leaving the office of the company to the GSA Region 3 Surplus Sales Center Office at 4511 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E. to discuss details of operation and to obtain forms to use in utilizing the services of the company. Contact was made with Mr. Herbert J. Matthews, Chief, Sales Branch, and his assistant Mrs. Beatrice Lipman. Mrs. Lipman furnished STAT number of GSA scrap delivery order forms and explained their use. As Mrs. Lipman does the scheduling for other government offices using the facilities of this company she asked that in every case we notify her two days in advance when we have a load of metal to be processed and she will make arrangements with Mr. Blakeman.

- 6. The company will have a particular kettle all "fired up" and ready for use when our truck arrives. The truck can be backed right into the shop and company employees will unload or assist in unloading the metal that is to be fed into the pot. The plates may be delivered turned over or folded in a way that will not permit anyone to read or see any classified information on one side. The kettle that will be used has a capacity of 1,200 to 1,300 pounds per hour and is large enough in size to eliminate the cutting or chopping up of the plates before they can be burned. The total time taken to smelt a truck load of plates will be from two to three hours after arrival. The security observer, however, can depart as soon as the last plate is in the kettle and begins to melt so that all markings and images are obliterated. Before leaving it is important that the company sign the GSA scrap delivery order showing the weight of the metal smelted before a duplicate copy is left with him for the company records.
- 7. Security approval is granted for the disposal of aluminum plates as described but not for the company to see or to retain and store any classified material of the Agency at any time.

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